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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

OMAR ROJAS

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 June 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/CD)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/05/2007
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The prior art documents submitted by applicant(s) in the Information Disclosure Statement(s) ("IDS") filed on 06/05/2007 have all been considered and made of record (note the attached copy of form(s) PTO-1449).

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. **Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are:

- a. providing a carrier component related to a zero-order Bessel function prior to the "causing to be included" step and
- b. providing a specific signal component related to a specific high-order Bessel function prior to the "causing to be included" step.

6. Claim 1 recites and/or suggests that the light wave is emitted from the optical modulation unit while the suppressing of the signal components takes place. However, the specification makes it clear that the suppression of the signal components takes place before the light wave is emitted from the optical modulating unit. *See*, for example, page 28, lines 1-15 of the specification. Therefore, the scope of claim 1 is indefinite.

7. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. *See* MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are:

- a. a structure or means for providing a carrier component related to a zero-order Bessel function and
- b. a structure or means for providing a specific signal component related to a specific high-order Bessel function.

8. Claim 7 recites and/or suggests that the light wave is emitted from the optical modulating unit while the suppressing of the signal components takes place. However, the specification makes it clear that the suppression of the signal components takes place before the light wave is emitted from the optical modulating unit. *See*, for example, page 28, lines 1-15 of the specification. Therefore, the scope of claim 7 is indefinite.

9. Claims 2-5 and 8-20 are rejected under this section as being dependent upon rejected claims 1 and/or claim 7.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMAR ROJAS whose telephone number is (571)272-2357. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00AM-6:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Uyen-Chau Le can be reached on (571) 272-2379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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